

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
 Akio KOJIMA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 7620  
 Application No.: 10/050,175 : Group Art Unit: 2622  
 Filed: January 18, 2002 : Examiner: Not Yet Assigned  
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 For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS

STATUS INQUIRY

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 Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on January 18, 2002. Since more than three and one-half years have elapsed since that date, and no action has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application. It is noted that the Official Gazette indicates applications filed on or before July 2, 2002 in the above-assigned Group Art Unit should have received an action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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